

local churches offer HIV testing as a regular activity nationwide. As a result, the visionary leadership of these women undoubtedly has saved thousands of lives through these health interventions.

Finally, it does not escape me that I am honoring these three great women during Women's History Month whose theme, "Our History is Our Strength," pays tribute to the millions of women who helped create a better world for the times in which they lived as well as for future generations. These women are continuing the tradition of the great women who came before them by standing up and taking action to address one of the pressing issues of our day and to improve the health of African Americans today and in the future. Unfortunately, many of the women who are deserving of recognition remain unnamed and unknown. We cannot let the same occur to these three trailblazing women. Thus, it is my honor on behalf of the women of this body, the Congressional Black Caucus and the entire Congress of the United States to recognize the tremendous work and leadership of Dr. Elnora Hamb, Dr. Barbara Shaw and Dr. Jamesina Evans and thank them for their selfless service to their congregants and their transformative work to eliminate health disparities in the African American community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I missed a vote on Monday and I wish to state for the RECORD how I would have voted had I been present:

Rollcall No. 175—"yes."

Rollcall No. 176—"yes."

ED SAJBEL TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ed Sajbel of Pueblo, Colorado. Mr. Sajbel is an integral part of Pueblo's art community and will showcase his work in an "introspective Retrospective" display this spring. Though the display is a testament to Mr. Sajbel's artistic abilities, his greatest success has been nurturing a strong artistic community in Pueblo and the aspiring artists of the area.

From an early age, Mr. Sajbel loved to draw, a hobby that quickly earned him recognition. After a brief furlough in the U.S. Coast Guard, he returned to Pueblo to attend Pueblo Community College. He eventually transferred to the University of Northern Colorado to become a teacher, which allowed him to pursue his career in art while also guiding youngsters with a similar passion. Mr. Sajbel went on to teach at Colorado State University-Pueblo for over thirty years. His success can be measured by the exponential growth of Pueblo's artistic community.

Mr. Sajbel did not limit his guidance only to the classroom. He created and served on a

number of boards and councils in Pueblo meant to foster the growth of the arts, including the Colorado Arts and Humanities Council. He also developed grants for artists in the area and put on shows featuring their work.

Mr. Speaker, the impact that Ed Sajbel has had on the arts in his community is profound and it is an honor to recognize him today. There is no doubt that he will continue to inspire young artists while he pursues his own creative passion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 21ST ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 21st Annual Martin Luther King Youth Oratorical Contest hosted by the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and its Education Foundation.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. left an indelible mark on the way Americans engage in civil dialogue. Despite the violence perpetrated against the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. King responded with oratory and nonviolent resistance to condemn the injustice of social inequality. His legacy is one of tolerance and steadfast commitment to principled and peaceful communication.

The MLK Youth Oratorical contestants pay tribute to Dr. King's legacy with their ability to exercise the strength of the spoken word. This is a skill inseparable from their character and will serve them well as they tackle leadership opportunities and build personal relationships.

I congratulate and applaud the following contestants of the 21st Annual Martin Luther King Youth Oratorical Contest:

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTESTANTS

Hannah Wied—Pennington School
Jacob Gonzalez—Parkside Middle School
Jawuanna McAllister—Stonewall Middle School

HIGH SCHOOL CONTESTANTS

Seth Opoku-Yeboah—Osborn Park High School

Alice Gyamfi—C.D. Hylton High School
Attiquah Syeda—Gar-Field High School

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for recognizing the benefit that Dr. King's teachings bring to the development of our youth. We lay the foundations of a more tolerant society when we nurture the ability to engage and communicate with one another in a way that respects our common humanity.

A TRIBUTE TO NANETTE FISH, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2011

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year,

we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women during the month of March.

Today I pay tribute to Nanette Fish of Temple City, an extraordinary woman of California's 29th congressional district. A 26-year Temple City resident, Nanette's passion for volunteerism is evident in the countless organizations to which she has donated her time and energy and she has made the city of Temple City a better place to live.

Nanette began volunteering with Temple City's schools in the early 1990s, when her children were young. She served on the Executive Boards of the local PTAs, the Temple City Youth Football Board, the Temple City High School Ramrodders Football Executive Board, and the Temple City American Little League Board. In addition, Ms. Fish was a "Team Mom" for Temple City Youth Cheer, AYSO Soccer, Junior Varsity Girls Basketball, Junior Girls Softball and Youth Football, served as Chairperson and Member of the Cloverly Elementary School Site Council, volunteered for 5 years on the High School Grad Nite Committee, and was a Western Association of Schools and Colleges' Parent/Community Committee member for Temple City High School. In 2010, she received the Temple City Unified School District's Temple City High School VIP Volunteer Award.

Currently, Ms. Fish, employed as the Temple City Camellia Festival Director, finds time to volunteer for several organizations including the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, Saint Luke Catholic Church and the Temple City Chamber of Commerce, where she serves on the Miss Temple City Pageant Committee, and the chamber's Golf Tournament Committee. In 2009 and 2010 she received the chamber's Community Service Award. In addition, Nanette is a Temple City Parks and Recreation Commissioner and enjoys participating in various fundraising walks for cancer awareness.

Nanette and her husband, Kevin, have been married for 26 years and have 2 children, Cameron and Lainie.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of my district, Nanette Fish, for her selfless service to the community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill that would give the mayor of the District of Columbia authority over deploying the D.C. National Guard, after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard, with the President retaining final authority. In local emergencies, including natural disasters and civil disturbances unrelated to national or homeland security, the mayor of the District of Columbia should have the same authority that governors exercise over the National Guard in their states. Each governor, as head of state, has the authority to mobilize the National Guard to protect his or her state, just as local militia did historically. The National